



## Legislation Text

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**EASEMENT E-1718-7:** CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF A PERMANENT DRAINAGE EASEMENT DONATED BY SAID AND SORAYA SHEHATA FOR THE IMHOFF CREEK CHANNEL REPAIR PROJECT.

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Norman had a historic level of flooding and rainfall in Norman in May 2015 with over 23 inches of rain May of 2015, which was nearly 10 more inches of rain than the record which was in May, 1957. According to the National Weather Center, at least five of those rainfall events in May 2015 involved flash flood conditions. Flash floods can be very damaging to the City's infrastructure, particularly roads, bridges and stormwater systems. With each flooding event in May 2015, the City encountered more infrastructure damage and road closures. At one point in May, 35 of Norman's roads were closed to traffic due to damage or high water. One of these locations was the Imhoff Creek Channel located south of Westbrooke Terrace and east of Berry Road. Damages to the channel included washing out approximately 250 feet of articulated concrete block channel and damage to a concrete block drop structure.

On November 24, 2015, City Council approved contract K-1516-71 with Freese and Nichols to provide engineering design services for five infrastructure damage locations, including the Imhoff Creek Channel.

On September 14, 2016, Travis King, City Fire Chief and Emergency Manager, signed the FEMA Project Worksheet for the Imhoff Creek Channel, which is the funding mechanism for the reconstruction of the damage caused during the May 2015 disasters. On July 17, 2017, the Floodplain Permit Committee approved Permit No. 588 for the Imhoff Creek Channel Improvements. On July 25, 2017, City Council approved Resolution R-1718-9 authorizing the proposed modifications of the streambanks for Imhoff Creek Channel Repairs and granting City Floodplain Permit No. 588.

On July 25, 2017, City Council also approved Contract K-1617-127 with A-Tech Paving in the amount of \$451,245 for the Base Bid and Alternate A Bid for the Imhoff Creek Channel Repair Project. Proposed improvements for the Imhoff Creek Channel Repair Project include:

**DISCUSSION:** The City must acquire one (1) permanent drainage easement along the Imhoff Creek Channel for the construction and future maintenance of the concrete lined channel and drop structure being constructed with the Imhoff Creek Channel Repair Project. This easement was donated to the City by the landowner. The attached table and Exhibit A provides the details of this easement necessary for the project.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the above described easement be accepted and the filing be directed thereof.